

Bid for College Supported Here

A proposal to seek establishment of a four-year state college here received the enthusiastic endorsement of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn. at its March meeting Thursday night.

Presented to the group by Councilman Nick Drale, who asked for the groups' support, the plan met only token opposition in the large homeowners organization. A committee of the NTCIA will assist in the drive for a four-year college here, it was decided at the meeting.

On the previous evening, Drale presented the plan to the Torrance Coordinating Council, which took it under

advisement. Drale asked the representatives on the Coordinating Council to study the possibility of acquiring such an institution in the Torrance area.

Matter Under Study
Representatives of the various groups which make up the council were instructed to take the matter up with their organizations and bring recommendations to the next council meeting.

Drale, who heads a citizens' committee which is exploring the possibility of a four-year college here, emphasized that the closets facilities were more than 10 miles distance in Los Angeles or Long Beach.

Two junior colleges, El Camino and Harbor, offer only courses equivalent to the freshman and sophomore classes of a four-year college course.



MAKES LOCAL BID Alan Cranston, Democratic Party candidate for the office of State Controller, is shown here with Mrs. Renee Dean who entertained Cranston and other party workers at her home Thursday afternoon. Cranston scored the Republican control of the office he seeks during the past half century. (Herald Photo)

Monopoly on State Office Scored Here by Cranston

No state office except that of governor has such far-reaching responsibilities as the state controller, Alan Cranston, Democratic candidate for the office, said at a press conference here this week.

Speaking to reporters at the home of Mrs. Renee Dean, active in Democratic circles in the area, Cranston scored the fact that all incumbents in the office since 1890 had been appointed by Republican governors.

"The 68-year Republican reign in the state controller's office must be ended and the importance of the office revealed to the public," he said. "This is far more than the bookkeeping job people think it is," Cranston told reporters. Pledged to wage an energetic campaign, Cranston is

making his first bid for a public office. He served as president of the California Democratic Council from 1953 to 1957, and served as chief of the foreign language division of the Office of War Information from 1942 to 1944.

A native of California, he was born in Palo Alto and is still engaged in the real estate, property management, and investment business there.

Library Entered

Burglars entered the Torrance library, 1345 Post Ave., police reported yesterday.

Although the building was ransacked and files were dumped, only \$1.15 in small change and four candy bars were listed as missing.

Candidates To Appear Before Club

Several city council candidates have been invited to appear before the South Torrance Democratic Club on March 25 to discuss the club's contention that property taxes are being shifted from industry to small home owners, it was announced yesterday.

Sent invitations by the club were council candidates J. A. Beasley, Jim Thompson, Merle Reeves, and Thirvin Fleetwood.

Albert Isen and Nick Drale, candidates for the mayor's post, also were invited.

The meeting will be held at the Walteria Park Recreation Hall beginning at 8 p.m.

The South Torrance Democratic Club issued a strong statement saying it appears that the present city council is shifting the taxes unfairly from industry to the small homeowner in the city, according to Richard E. Sagrillo and John J. Barton, publicity directors for the club.

Winner Gets TV Set in Bank Contest

Arlene Bertrand was the winner in the South Bay Bank's "Moon Full of Money" contest, guessing within \$1.71 of how much money was contained in a moon which was displayed at the bank, according to President Frank A. Lettow.

There was \$2652 in the moon.

The winner received a television set. Other winners include Loren Negley, second; Ray E. Bennet and Cecile E. McClintic, third; and Mrs. Evelyn Bellenger, Jane Huey, Joan C. Moe, Bill Purdom, Juanita K. Wagner, George C. Shaw, Willard J. Cummings, and Thomas J. Scott.

The new bank recently opened in new Manhattan Beach quarters. Other officers include E. G. Erickson, vice president and treasurer; C. A. Remnant, cashier; Robert A. Moffitt, secretary; Jeannette Lichtenstein, assistant cashier; and Gerald L. Rosen, assistant secretary. Directors are Lettow, Erickson, Moffitt, Rosen, W. H. Brown, John Pearson, and J. J. Ritter.

THS Students Honored for Scholarship

Three Torrance High School seniors have been commended by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for outstanding performances on a nationwide college aptitude test, according to Principal Carl R. Ahee.

The seniors honored are David Burdick, Deloris Horvat and Jim Sena.

The Torrance High School students were California runners-up in the 1957-58 Merit Scholarship competition. Each will be sent a letter of recommendation by National Merit Scholarship Corporation for use in applying to colleges. John M. Stalnaker, president of NMSC, said that the 7500 students who received the commendation rank in the top one or two per cent in ability in the senior classes of their respective states.

The annual National Merit Scholarship competition offers the largest system of privately financed scholarships in the United States. The Merit Scholarship Program is open to all high school seniors in the United States and its possessions.

This year, over 260,000 outstanding seniors from over 14,000 high schools entered the competition which began with a nationwide screening examination in October, 1957. About 7200 students, who have already been named, are now in the finals of the current competition. Over 1000 four-year Merit Scholarships worth an estimated \$5 million to the winners and their colleges will be awarded about May 1.

13 Sick With Scarlet Fever

Thirteen cases of scarlet fever led the disease list in the Torrance health area during the two week-period ending March 1, according to the County Health Department. Scarlet fever is the leading disease in the county so far this year.

Other reported diseases included measles, 6; hepatitis, mumps, streptococcal infections, and shigella, each 2; and meningitis, pertussis, rheumatic fever, syphilis, tuberculosis, and typhoid fever, each 1.



JIM JONES
... Author to Speak

Noted Author Scheduled to Address Club

Jim Jones, author of the book "If You Can Count to Four," will be the guest speaker at the March 25, 7:30 a.m. breakfast meeting of the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board. The event will be held at the local YWCA cafeteria.

Jones, born in the hills of Tennessee, has become at the age of 39, a successful businessman, author, lecturer, philosopher, philanthropist and financial genius.

Jim Osborne, local realtor, announced the arrangements for the event. Board President Bob Haggard also has planned to make several announcements at the meeting.

Jaycees Ask 4 Candidates As Speakers

The four candidates for mayor have been invited to discuss "Why I Should Be Elected Mayor" at the regular dinner meeting of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce this Thursday at 7:30 at the Palms restaurant.

Jack Phillips, chairman of the event, said each candidate would be allowed 10 minutes to speak. It has been the policy of the Junior Chamber to invite candidates to speak at every election as part of its leadership training program.

The meeting is open to the public but reservations must be phoned to the Palms beforehand.

Riviera Sofa Celebrating Anniversary

Celebrating its first year in business in Redondo Beach, Len Carmel, manager of the attractive showroom of the Riviera Convertible Sofa Co. at 1800 Elena St., today publicly thanked the many customers who have visited the store during the past 12 months and announced a special first anniversary sale.

"It has been a pleasure meeting so many wonderful people this past year," Carmel stated. "We knew that Torrance area residents would enjoy living on the Riviera — convertible sofa, that is! but we had no idea their interest would be so overwhelming."

"I personally wish to thank all of the fine residents of the Torrance area for their wonderful support and sincerely hope that they will drop by during this week's anniversary celebration to say 'hello'."

All Riviera convertibles now feature "Rivieramatic." This means that the sofa, whether it be love seat, sectional or king size, opens automatically with a touch of the toe into a full size comfortable bed complete with Riviera's "sleepsure" mattress.

Southwood Shops Will Open Soon

The grand opening of a complete new section of the rapidly growing Southwood Shopping Center, located at Palos Verdes Blvd. and Sepulveda, will be celebrated on Thursday, March 13, according to the Southwood Shopping Center Retail Merchants' Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Included in the opening, which will feature "numerous surprises," will be:

Arnettes Fashion, 22244 Palos Verdes Blvd., which will offer door prizes of free orchids to the first 200 women visitors;

Southwood Camera, featuring everything photographic and the finest custom photo finishing;

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